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A COMPLETE POLITICAL REVIEW

Next week The Herald will issue a section devoted to candidates for office in Nebraska. This section will be very interesting because it will be the most complete political review ever published in western Nebraska. Included in this section will be a write-up devoted to the Democratic candidates for office. Every voter should look for this write-up, as it will give the information wanted as to the qualifications and fitness for office of these candidates.

WE APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT

Referring to the candidacy of Lloyd Thomas of The Alliance Herald for representative from the 73rd district of Nebraska, Bruce Wilcox, formerly of Alliance and now editor and publisher of the Bridgeport News-Blade, a Republican newspaper, had the following to say in his issue of Friday, October 6:

He is a Good One.—The republican newspapers up in Box Butte and Sheridan counties are confronted with a strong desire to support Lloyd Thomas, democratic candidate for representative and who is also a brother newspaper man. From many years' acquaintance with Lloyd we consider him one of the cleanest, brightest and most progressive young men in western Nebraska. It is no wonder that the republican editors feel inclined to support him.

ALLIANCE WAS HONORED BY VISIT

United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock (in his campaign for re-election, covering the state, did not neglect Alliance and Box Butte county. Senator Hitchcock, in company with Edward B. McDermott of Kearney, Democratic candidate for the national legislature, spoke to a large and interested crowd at the opera house Saturday evening. These gentlemen both made a deep impression on the audience, many of whom returned to their homes with the satisfaction of knowing that they had heard good Democratic doctrine expounded by men who were thoroughly familiar and believed in their subject. Senator Hitchcock may be said to be a man who has "arrived" and who if re-elected, can be of immense value to his state—Nebraska. He is giving President Wilson enthusiastic support and explained to his hearers his reasons for taking the attitude which he did during his term in the senate on different questions. Mr. McDermott, although a young man, is an excellent speaker and a deep thinker. He speaks with earnestness and forcefulness and his speech brought forth many favorable comments from those who were present. The Herald wishes that it were possible to reprint the complete speeches of both these gentlemen for the benefit of those who could not be present.

THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR PRINTERS

As will be noted by reading the article published in the news columns of The Herald this week, this newspaper has recognized the printers' union by signing a wage agreement with them and beginning January 1 the mechanical department will operate on the eight-hour day plan. In taking the initiative in this matter in Alliance which of course resulted in others following our example, we did so in the belief that the proposition would be a paying one all around for both the employee and the employer. The union, recognizing the fact that conditions in the smaller shops were different than in the large cities, made concessions that should result in good for all concerned. We have always paid a wage scale that is higher than the union scale and will continue to do so. This has resulted in the employment in this office of men of experience and exceptional ability. That the work of these men brings good results is shown by the fact that work comes nearly every day to this shop from out-of-town points unsolicited. And The Herald is averaging in size from twelve to thirty-two pages per week, giving our readers and our advertisers more value for their money than they can secure elsewhere. The editorial department will, however, probably continue to maintain its present schedule of working from twelve to sixteen hours per day, gathering news, writing ads and editorials, and doing the thousand and one other duties which we are called upon to perform day after day. If the average business, professional or laboring man was given a week's work in the editorial department of the "country newspaper" he would revise his ideas of leading a hard life. But we are glad to do it and we like the work—if we didn't like it we would do something else.

NEVILLE AN EXCELLENT BUSINESS MAN

During the past four years while Nebraska has been under Democratic government the state has seen its affairs better managed than ever before. Governor John H. Morehead has applied business principles to state management with favorable and excellent results. Keith Neville of North Platte, Democratic candidate for governor, on his recent visit to Alliance, made a deep impression on those who met him and who heard him speak, by his attitude of a business administration. Mr. Neville has a record that can be called a success. If elected he promises to carry on the excellent record established by the present administration and he shows that he is capable of doing this.

Regarding the candidates for governor of Nebraska, the Lincoln Daily Star recently had the following to say regarding the Republican candidate:

"There is no better way of determining the moralities of a man than to send him to the legislature and watch how he votes on the measures that always provide a test of the legislator's sympathies.

"When half of the farmers of Nebraska were facing starvation following a drought that destroyed their crops and gardens and left them wholly destitute, without food even for their stock, Abraham L. Sutton was elected to the legislature from Douglas county.

In one of the sessions in which he served a measure was presented to appropriate \$200,000 of state funds to provide these suffering farmers with food to tide them over the famine, and purchase seed for the following year's harvest.

"Enemies of the measure—doesn't it sound odd that there could have been enemies of such a measure—sought first to defeat it by proposing to reduce the amount to \$100,000.

"Abraham L. Sutton was one of the enemies of the measure. He voted for the proposed reduction of the amount. But the substitute failed. When the bill came up for final passage it carried the \$200,000 appropriation, and Mr. Sutton consistently voted against the appropriation. That money was well spent and not only minimized the suffering, but put the farmers in position to begin the redemption of the stricken state.

"In the same session a bill was proposed to pay the Henry T. Oxnard beet sugar factory a bonus of a stated sum per pound upon the sugar it manufactured in the state, amounting to thousands of dollars annually.

"Mr. Sutton was not found among the enemies of that bill. In a previous session he had voted for three bills toward the same end, all of which had failed to pass. But in the session in which he opposed giving any aid to the starving drought sufferers he voted for a sugar bounty bill that would tax them for the enrichment of Henry T. Oxnard, and when the bill had been vetoed by the governor, he voted to pass that bill over the veto.

"Those votes provide a correct measurement of the Abraham L. Sutton of that day. What has happened to Mr. Sutton in the years that have since intervened to make him a better friend of the farmer and a less sturdy champion of the grafter?

"What pretense does he offer the farmer, whose vote he is now asking for governor, that he is today any more a sympathetic helper and friend than he was when he cast the votes referred to?

"What farmer can afford to ignore the record made by Mr. Sutton as a legislator, which is marked throughout by a fidelity to the corporations and a flagrant lack of sympathy for the agriculturists? What farmer is so blinded by partisanship or prejudice that he can afford to run the risk, either on his own account or that of his fellow craftsmen?"

COX HAS MADE EXCELLENT RECORD AS SHERIFF

The recent attacks on Sheriff Cal Cox, now a candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket, have made many new friends for him and will undoubtedly result in his re-election, even though this had not been a certainty before. The practice in recent years of attacking public officers with a bombardment of mud and verbosity has fallen into disrepute and usually results in the re-election of the officer attacked.

We have before us a copy of the complete report made by John W. Guthrie, special auditor, on February 10, 1916, covering the record of Sheriff Cox for a period of six years in office. This report is a complete and concise statement of his work during this time and should be seen by every person interested in the attacks being made on Sheriff Cox. As the concluding paragraph in the report states, "The balance due him from all courts' proceedings is \$300.60, or a net difference of \$30.33 on all court's fees—a very slight difference when the number of cases and the length of time is taken into consideration."

During his time as sheriff of the county only a small number of horses have been stolen—a mighty small number, considering the size of the county, in this section of the state. In every case of a stolen horse the thief has been captured and brought back. This has been a great preventative in horse stealing.

In spite of the fact that there are thousands of head of cattle roaming the prairies in the county, the number stolen has been very small since he first took over the office, January 6, 1910. No cattle have been stolen in the county in 1916, and in 1915 only ten head of cattle were lost.

In the matter of serving of warrants which have been given to him in the performance of his official duty the sheriff has never favored friends nor ill treated foes. His never-failing sense of duty has made him do things in the performance of his duty which many officers would not do—recently he has spent night after night sleeping on a cot in the corridors of the county jail when rumors were rife that an attempt was to be made to take from his custody the inhuman monster in the shape of a man who confessed to raping a young girl in this city and give to him what many believe would be his just deserts. It has been our privilege in our search for news to work several times during the long hours of the night in company with the sheriff in his quest for criminals, when it would have been more comfortable asleep in our downy beds.

The sheriff now has in his possession warrants which were issued following a session of the grand jury in 1912. Warrants were issued for Jack Welch and Waddie Jones on January 19 of that year, and for Ira Scribner on January 23. These warrants were not given the sheriff until after the grand jury had completed its work and after these men had left the state. These men were accused of gambling.

Sheriff Cox cannot be defeated for re-election by the attempt to smother him with tidal waves of mud and shots of distorted facts and figures from the blunderbuss with the hair trigger and the peep sights.



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